

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 589 without my signature.

This bill would establish two new dedicated accounts within the Fish and Game Preservation Fund; one for the deposit of revenues generated through the sale of big game tags, and one for funds received from the sale of upland game bird stamps. This bill would make changes to the way in which the Department of Fish and Game (Department) may spend the monies in the newly-created accounts and would require the Department to include a fund condition statement on its website.

The creation of more dedicated accounts and reserving more funds for those accounts will only increase the complexity of the Department's fiscal management of these dollars, as well as reduce the Department's flexibility to appropriately administer hunting programs. Additionally, the bill's requirement that the Department post budget information on its public website is redundant since the Department already does this for all of its accounts.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger